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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: LINDA M. SPRINGER  
DIRECTOR

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Subject: 2007: Year of the HealthierFed, The HealthierFeds Challenge Awards  
Employee Health and Fitness Month, May 2007

Each May, workplaces all over the Nation celebrate **Employee Health and Fitness Month**, an event that cascades from National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. In his Proclamation for National Physical Fitness and Sports Month (attached), President George W. Bush urged children, teens, and all Americans to make time every day for exercise and to encourage family, friends, and neighbors to live healthier lives by participating in physical fitness activities. You may view the President's proclamation on the White House website at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2007/05/20070501-3.html>.

As part of the HealthierFeds campaign ([www.healthierfeds.gov](http://www.healthierfeds.gov)), the Office of Personnel Management partnered with The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports challenging Federal agencies to compete in The HealthierFeds Physical Activity Challenge ("The Challenge"). "The Challenge" ended April 1, 2007 and we are proud to announce the following results:

- Highest Number of Employees Completing "The Challenge":
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place- The Department of Homeland Security
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- The Department of Veterans Affairs
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- The Department of Health and Human Services
  
- Highest Percentage of Employees Completing "The Challenge":
  - Large Agency*
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Place- The Office of Personnel Management
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- The Department of State
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration
  - Medium Agency*
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Place- The Farm Credit Administration
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- The Railroad Retirement Board
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- (Tie) The Executive Office of the President & The National Labor Relations Board
  - Small Agency*
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Place- Chemical Safety & Hazard Investigation Board

Total Participation in “The Challenge” numbered nearly 40,000 and included employees from more than fifty Federal agencies, retirees and family members. We applaud all who joined “The Challenge!”

“The Challenge” between Federal agencies has ended. However, challenge participants are encouraged to continue using the account they created to log physical activity and to invite coworkers, family and friends to create and use accounts.

The benefits of physical activity are immeasurable and can enhance an individual’s quality of life in countless ways. By calling attention to the importance of being physically active, we can help Federal employees achieve an essential step in enjoying greater health.